

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 15-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 6 has been amended to broaden its scope. In view of the amendment to Claim 6, Claim 21 has been added and Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 21. Additionally, Claim 13 has been amended to depend from Claim 11.

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants hereby elect Species 5, represented by Fig. 18A, for prosecution on the merits. All pending claims are considered to be readable on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this

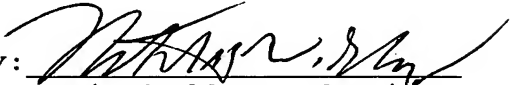
paper and has not been requested separately, such extension  
is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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